

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 8, 2006

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RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL  
ACTION**

ITEM 33

**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a contract with ABOUTWEB LLC, Rockville, MD, to provide professional services for eCID and eCOMBS software systems for the Financial and Administrative Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$183,520.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the 2005-2006 Approved Capital budgets of the Public Works Department (\$41,760), Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (\$41,760), and Financial and Administrative Services Department (\$100,000).

**Fiscal Note:** Fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Byron E. Johnson, C.P.M.,  
Purchasing Officer

**Prior Council Action:**

**Boards and Commission Action:**

**Purchasing Language:** Professional Service.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this purchase.

**Additional Backup Material**

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- ☐ ABOUTWEB FNS
- ☐ FISCAL NOTE

The City's current financial accounting system is a mainframe-based system from American Management Systems (AMS), Inc. The city will be implementing a new, web-based accounting system from AMS effective October 2006. As a result of this substantial system upgrade, there are 2 systems with critical dependencies that require upgrades.

Two systems – eCID and eCOMBS – must be upgraded so that they can interface with the new financial system. eCID is an existing component of eCAPRIS, the City's web-based project management system, and is used by Public Works and Watershed to schedule and track construction inspections, as well as maintain certain financial data essential to operations. The upgrade needs to occur by the end of August, so that it can be tested prior to the October 1<sup>st</sup> go-live date. In addition, the City is deploying a departmental budget development system, known as eCOMBS, from a department-specific system to a

city-wide budgeting and performance measure application. eCOMBS will become the City's system of record for budget preparation; the upgrade will need to be completed by November 2006, in time for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget preparation.

AboutWeb has resources available that have specific knowledge and understanding about the architecture and programming code of these two systems, and will be able to provide needed services to ensure that these critical systems are upgraded in the most timely manner.

This is a professional service as noted in Section 252-022 (4) Local Government Code State of Texas Statutes.

**CIP BUDGET  
FISCAL NOTE**

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**  
**WHERE ON AGENDA:**  
**DEPARTMENT:**

8-Jun-06  
Resolution  
Public Works Department

Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a contract with ABOUTWEB LLC, Rockford, MD, to provide professional services for eCID and eCOMBS software systems for the Financial and Administrative Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$183,520.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Project Name:	Public Works Technology Improvements
Project Authorization:	2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget
Funding Source:	CPM Fund Transfers
Fund/Agency/Orgn:	8400-607-9001

ref. 8400-607-9006

Total Current Appropriation	\$1,400,000.00
Unencumbered Balance	\$1,389,751.00
Amount of this Action	<u>(\$41,760.00)</u>
Estimated Available	<u>\$1,347,991.00</u>

Financial Approval: Rusty Cobern

Date: May 31, 2006